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Patent No. 6,778,813 :
Issue Date: August 17, 2004 :
Application No. 09/778,575 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 7, 2001 :
Title: AUDIO SYSTEM/CUP :
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This is a decision on the PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c)) filed April 1, 2010 to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is GRANTED.

The patent issued August 17, 2004. The window for paying the first maintenance fee without surcharge opened on August 17, 2007 and closed on February 17, 2008. The window for paying the first maintenance fee with surcharge opened on February 18, 2008, and closed on August 17, 2008.

This petition was timely filed within twenty-four months after the expiration of the six-month grace period. As required, petitioner submitted with the petition the required maintenance fee, the surcharge for accepting an unintentionally delayed maintenance fee after expiration, and a statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional. These fees were accepted at the reduced small entity rate, as the fees were accompanied by petitioner's assertion of having made a determination of continued entitlement to pay small entity fees, pursuant to new 37 CFR 1.27(g)(1), effective September 8, 2000.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.



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